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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DENIAL OF RUMOR THAT TRISTAR ORDER CANCELLED

1. DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF, PRESIDENT OF CIVIL AVIATION HIGHER COUNCIL SAMI GAYID RECEIVED CALL FROM UNDERSECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IN ABU DHABI WHO SAID HE HAD JUST READ IN ABU DHABI NEWSPAPER THAT GAYID HAD CANCELLED GULF AIR ORDER FOR FOUR L-1011 TRISTARS. GAYID VIGOROUSLY DENIED REPORT.

2. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION, GAYID SAID THAT ALLEGATION WAS "OUTRAGEOUS LIE". HE ADDED THAT GOQ HAD PAID \$25 MILLION TO LOCKHEED ON JUNE 1, BRINGING TOTAL PAYMENTS TO \$100 MILLION MARK. HE SAID THAT GIVEN AMOUNT OF MONEY ALREADY PAID, QATAR COULD NOT CANCEL CONTRACT EVEN IF IT WANTED TO.

3. FURTHER ON SUBJECT OF TRISTAR CONTRACT GAYID SAID HE WAS MAKING PAYMENTS TO LOCKHEED AT ACCELERATED RATE BECAUSE
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OF COMPANY'S FINANCIAL PLIGHT, ALTHOUGH TOTAL PAID WOULD NOT

EXCEED AMOUNT IN CONTRACT. GAYID SAID THIS BEING DONE WITHOUT
RPT WITHOUT AMIR'S AUTHORIZATION AND REQUESTED THAT INFO BE
CLOSELY HELD.
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